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47 Male
53 Female
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	High	Low	[138]
								2/91+	7/92+	
Right direction.....	50	53	47	48	44	48	44	65	14	
Wrong track.....	35	32	34	35	39	36	40	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	12	12	16	13	14	12	12	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	High	Low	[139]
								2/98	6/93	
Approve.....	66	66	62	59	57	62	56	66	41	
Disapprove.....	29	28	30	33	34	29	36	28	50	
Not sure.....	5	6	8	8	9	9	8	6	9	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	4/98*	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	High	Low	[140]
								2/98	7/93	
Approve.....	76	76	65	64	65	64	62	76	40	
Disapprove.....	16	17	25	27	25	28	29	17	51	
Not sure.....	8	7	10	9	10	8	9	7	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	4/98**	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	High	Low	[141]
								2/98	9/94	
Approve.....	63	61	54	52	49	50	51	61	32	
Disapprove.....	27	31	34	38	37	34	37	31	60	
Not sure.....	10	8	12	10	14	16	12	8	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[142]
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
October 1997.....	21	30	16	15	17	1	
September 1997.....	24	32	17	13	13	1	
July 1997.....	26	30	13	14	16	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Newt Gingrich							[143]
April 1998.....	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998.....	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998.....	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997.....	7	17	24	18	29	5	
October 1997.....	4	18	24	21	27	6	
September 1997.....	5	14	20	21	33	7	
July 1997.....	4	14	22	25	29	6	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1997.....	6	15	18	25	30	6	
The Democratic Party							[144]
April 1998.....	15	27	29	15	12	2	
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2	
December 1997.....	14	31	25	16	12	2	
September 1997.....	13	28	28	18	11	2	
July 1997.....	12	29	30	16	11	2	
March 1997.....	11	29	28	18	12	2	
January 1997.....	16	31	24	17	11	1	
<i>High</i>							
October 20-21, 1992+.....	19	29	22	15	12	3	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (*cont'd*)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[145]
April 1998.....	10	27	30	18	13	2	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
December 1997.....	9	27	30	19	13	2	
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
July 1997.....	8	29	31	19	11	2	
March 1997.....	10	30	27	19	12	2	
January 1997.....	10	32	26	20	11	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
Al Gore							[146]
April 1998.....	16	29	29	12	11	3	
February 1998.....	18	29	27	12	11	3	
January 1998.....	13	26	29	16	12	4	
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
October 1997.....	10	27	28	15	17	3	
September 1997.....	13	25	24	18	15	5	
July 1997.....	16	33	23	11	14	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
October 1997.....	10	27	28	15	17	3	
Kenneth Starr							[147]
April 1998.....	7	11	20	15	33	14	
February 1998.....	7	13	20	15	26	19	
February 7, 1998*.....	7	12	21	15	24	21	
January 31, 1998*.....	8	10	25	11	22	24	
January 24, 1998**.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997.....	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	

* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of approximately 400 adults.

** Results shown reflect responses among a sample of 806 adults.

Q.3 (*cont'd*)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	[148]
Hillary Rodham Clinton							
April 1998.....	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998**.....	27	25	19	11	17	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
October 1997.....	20	25	23	13	17	2	
September 1997.....	19	26	18	15	20	2	
July 1997.....	16	23	21	16	23	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>4/98*</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	[149]
Approve.....	51	57	47	46	46	45	48	48	22	
Disapprove.....	34	29	32	40	41	40	37	37	69	
Not sure.....	15	14	21	14	13	15	15	15	9	

4b. Which of the following best describes your opinion about having a Democratic president and a Republican-controlled Congress?

Statement A: It is bad for the nation because the two sides get involved in partisan politics and not much gets done.

Statement B: It is good for the nation because it forces both sides to compromise and find solutions acceptable to both parties. **

Statement A: It is bad for the nation.....	26	[150]
Statement B: It is good for the nation.....	67	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Both (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4c. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections -- a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>4/98*</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	37	41	40	41	41	45	44	44	[151]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	41	37	42	37	39	39	38	40	
Not sure ²	22	22	18	22	20	16	18	16	
		<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94¹</u>		
		42	42	40	41	42	44		
		40	41	40	38	41	38		
		18	17	20	21	17	18		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

4d. In this year's election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>4/98**</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>10/96</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>21/96+</u>	<u>8/20-</u>	<u>8/2-</u>	
Vote for the Republican candidate.	30	30	29	38	36	37	38	37	36 [152]
Vote for the Democratic candidate	36	36	36	39	42	38	38	40	39
Depends (VOL).....	18	22	18	8	7	11	10	10	9
Other/neither/won't vote (VOL)....	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	1	2
Not sure.....	12	9	13	14	13	12	12	12	14
		<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>
		36	34	40	39	33	31	30	29
		38	36	37	36	39	35	35	32
		12	17	6	6	9	14	14	21
		3	3	3	5	5	5	2	2
		11	10	14	14	14	15	16	14
				<u>11/4-</u>					<u>10/93</u>
					<u>10/27-</u>	<u>10/20-</u>			
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>11/92+</u>	<u>28/92+</u>	<u>21/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>
	29	31	35	34	29	32	29	31	33
	32	32	45	45	46	43	43	35	35
	24	25	4	3	6	7	7	11	14
	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	2
	13	9	15	17	17	17	19	20	16

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Prior to March 1996, the question read "election for U.S. Congress. . . ."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 5a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	16			
Not very strong Democrat.....	12			
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	Skip to Q5c		[153]
Strictly independent.....	21			
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	CONTINUE		
Not very strong Republican.....	11			
Strong Republican.....	11			
Other.....	4	Skip to Q5c		
Not sure/nothing.....	2			

(ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q5a.)

- 5b. Let me read you a list of people¹ who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

All Republicans					
	4/98	1/98	9/97	7/97	4/97
Texas Governor George Bush, Jr.....	40	26	24	20	24
Dan Quayle.....	14	6	7	10	9
Steve Forbes.....	11	10	11	7	8
Newt Gingrich.....	5	5	4	5	NA
John McCain.....	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pat Buchanan.....	4	6	4	4	6
Lamar Alexander.....	3	4	2	5	3
John Ashcroft.....	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jack Kemp.....	NA	16	14	14	17
Elizabeth Dole.....	NA	14	14	15	16
Fred Thompson.....	NA	NA	5	7	3
None/other (VOL).....	5	-	6	6	5
Not sure.....	10	13	9	7	9

¹An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

- 5c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	4/98	9/97	[156]
Al Gore.....	41	45	
George Bush, Jr.....	44	39	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	8	
Not sure.....	10	8	

6. How important do you think each of the following goals is for the federal government to work on this year -- is it vital, extremely important, quite important, not that important, or not important at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THOSE WHO SAY VITAL OR EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

	<u>Vital</u>	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Quite Important</u>	<u>Not That Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Approve federal money for more teachers so that classroom sizes can be reduced *.....	38	28	18	9	5	2	[157]
Approve more federal money for school construction *.....	34	27	22	9	6	2	[159]
Pass a patient's bill of rights in dealing with HMOs **.....	33	27	19	10	4	7	[167]
Create tax-free savings accounts to help parents pay for school tuition costs **..	27	33	20	11	6	3	[163]
Raise the minimum wage to six dollars and fifteen cents by the year 2000 **.....	30	21	21	16	9	3	[166]
Pass legislation imposing big taxes on tobacco companies to raise cigarette prices and reduce teen smoking *.....	27	22	17	16	16	2	[158]
Lower the legal blood-alcohol limit in order to reduce the number of drunk drivers **.....	24	24	15	16	18	3	[165]
Pass legislation ending late term abortions *.....	29	18	13	16	19	5	[160]
Pass tax cuts for individuals **.....	22	24	29	13	7	5	[162]
Eliminate the current income tax system by 2001 and replace it with a flat tax or a national sales tax *.....	27	17	23	13	10	10	[161]
Make Medicare coverage available to people under the age of sixty-five if they pay part of the cost themselves **.....	20	21	26	18	9	6	[164]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A)

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B)

7. As you may know, some experts think that the federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. If that happens, for which one of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used --

fix the long-term Social Security funding program, provide tax cuts for families, or increase spending on public education?

	4/98	2/98	
Fix the long-term Social Security funding program.....	46	39	[168]
Increase spending on public education.....	28	33	
Provide tax cuts for families.....	16	19	
All of these (VOL).....	6	6	
None of these (VOL).....	3	3	
Not sure.....	1	-	

8. Who do you blame most for the failure by Congress to pass campaign finance reform this year -- the Democrats or the Republicans? *

The Democrats.....	18	[169]
The Republicans.....	31	
The special interests and lobbyists (VOL) ..	3	
All (VOL).....	20	
None/other(VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	24	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now, turning to another topic...

9. I am going to read you four statements about Bill Clinton and the job he is doing as president. Please tell me which one of these statements best describes how you feel about Bill Clinton.

- A) He is doing a good job as president, and I respect him personally
 - B) He is doing a good job as president, but I do not respect him personally
 - C) He is not doing a good job as president, but I respect him personally
 - D) He is not doing a good job as president, and I do not respect him personally
- | | | |
|---|----|-------|
| A) Good job as president/respect him personally..... | 33 | [170] |
| B) Good job as president/do not respect him personally..... | 45 | |
| C) Not doing good job as president/respect him personally..... | 2 | |
| D) Not doing a good job as president/do not respect him personally..... | 19 | |
| None (VOL)..... | - | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

10. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Kenneth Starr is doing as independent counsel? **

Approve.....	29	[171]
Disapprove.....	54	
Not sure.....	17	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

11. As you may know, Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr will submit a report to Congress on his investigation of allegations involving President Clinton. How much confidence do you have that Starr's report will be fair - a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

A great deal of confidence.....	13	[172]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	14	
Just some confidence.....	25	
Very little confidence.....	43	

Not sure..... 5

12. Suppose that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that President Clinton committed perjury in the Paula Jones case and obstructed justice, and Starr reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges against President Clinton should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings? *

Yes, should be serious enough.....	40	[173]
No, should not be serious enough.....	55	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

13. Do you think that the recent allegations against President Clinton will or will not seriously affect his ability to lead the country in the remaining three years of his term? **

Will seriously affect his ability to lead the country.....	24	[174]
Will not seriously affect his ability to lead the country.....	70	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 14a. Based on what you know about the matter, which of the following best describes what you think will happen?

- (A) President Clinton will be forced to resign.
- (B) There will be an ongoing investigation that will result in people other than the President facing legal action.
- (C) There will be inconclusive proof and the matter will fade away.
- (D) None of the allegations will turn out to be true, and the matter will end.

	4/98	2/98	[175]
President Clinton will be forced to resign.....	4	10	
There will be an ongoing investigation.....	24	37	
There will be inconclusive proof.....	55	39	
None of allegations true.....	13	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	

- 14b. Does the recent dismissal of the Paula Jones lawsuit by a federal district judge make you more likely or less likely to believe the other allegations against President Clinton made by other women? *

More likely to believe.....	26	[176]
Less likely to believe.....	42	
No difference (VOL).....	26	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 14c. Does the fact that Hillary Rodham Clinton is so supportive of her husband in the face of allegations against him make you more likely or less likely to respect her personally, or does it not affect your opinion of her either way? **

More likely to respect.....	34	[177]
Less likely to respect.....	17	
Does not affect opinion either way.....	48	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about tobacco...

- 15a. When it comes to regulating the following substances, do you feel that the government is doing too much, doing too little, or doing the right amount? **

	<u>Doing Too Much</u>	<u>Doing Too Little</u>	<u>Doing The Right Amount</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Illegal drugs.....	8	71	16	5	[178]
Alcohol.....	9	44	43	4	[179]
Tobacco.....	28	38	31	3	[180]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 15b. As you may know, Congress is now considering a bill that would impose an additional one-dollar-and-ten-cents-a-pack tax on cigarettes, restrict advertising and marketing of cigarettes, and put an annual limit on the amount of money that tobacco companies would have to pay out each year to settle smoking-related lawsuits.

Supporters say that this tobacco bill would reduce teen smoking while also raising billions of dollars to improve children's health.

Opponents say that it could drive tobacco companies out of business by giving them too little protection from lawsuits and making cigarettes so expensive that a new black market would emerge.

Based on this information, do you think that Congress should pass this bill or not? *

Congress should pass the bill.....	47	[208]
Congress should not pass the bill.....	46	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16a. If your member of Congress opposed comprehensive tobacco legislation, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for this person, or would it make little difference either way? *

More likely to vote for.....	13	[209]
Less likely to vote for.....	22	
Make little difference either way.....	63	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16b. Do you think that this proposed bill is too lenient, about right, or too tough toward the tobacco companies?
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Too lenient.....	19	[210]
About right.....	32	
Too tough.....	37	
Not sure.....	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 17a. How aggressive do you think the following have been in trying to reduce teen smoking -- do you think they have been very aggressive, somewhat aggressive, not that aggressive, or not aggressive at all? *

	<u>Very Aggressive</u>	<u>Somewhat Aggressive</u>	<u>Not That Aggressive</u>	<u>Not That Aggressive At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
President Clinton.....	26	44	12	8	10	[211]
The Democrats in Congress.....	15	42	19	7	17	[212]
The Republicans in Congress.....	11	37	20	17	15	[213]
The tobacco industry...	6	19	23	47	5	[214]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 17b. What do you think supporters of the proposed tobacco bill are mainly interested in -- cutting teen smoking by raising cigarette prices, or getting the additional tax revenue for the federal government that would come from higher cigarette prices? *

Cutting teen smoking by raising cigarette prices.....	20	[215]
Getting additional tax revenue for the federal government.....	70	
Neither of these (VOL).....	2	
Both of these (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18a. If tobacco companies refuse to enter a tobacco agreement, should the government proceed without them to raise prices and strengthen regulation? **

Yes, the government should proceed without tobacco companies.....	58	[216]
No, the government should not proceed without tobacco companies.....	37	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18b. In your opinion, are tobacco companies responsible for the addiction of smokers, or should smokers know that they may become addicted if they smoke? **

Tobacco companies responsible for addiction.....	16	[217]
Smokers should know they may become addicted...	72	
Both (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18c. Do you think that a person who starts smoking today, knowing that smoking can cause cancer, should or should not be able to sue the tobacco companies if they become ill from smoking later on in life? *

Should be able to sue.....	8	[218]
Should not be able to sue.....	90	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Changing subjects...

19. How big of a problem would you say that sexual harassment is in the workplace: a bigger problem than it was five years ago, less of a problem than it was five years ago, or about the same as it was five years ago?

A bigger problem.....	23	[219]
Less of a problem.....	24	
About the same.....	47	
Not sure	6	

20. There has been a lot of discussion in the news recently about sexual harassment in the workplace. Please tell me which one of the following best explains this:

- (A) Incidents of sexual harassment have actually increased
(B) Incidents of sexual harassment have not increased, but it gets reported more because people are willing to speak up
(C) Incidents of sexual harassment have not increased, but it gets reported more because the media is overreacting

Incidents of sexual harassment have actually increased.....	6	[220]
Incidents of sexual harassment have not increased/people willing to speak up.....	49	
Incidents of sexual harassment have not increased/media overreacting.....	42	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

21. There has been a lot of talk lately about what standards of behavior are acceptable at work or in a professional setting. For each one of the following things that I mention, please tell me whether this is something that you personally consider to be acceptable or offensive in an office setting.

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Offensive</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Calling someone in the office by a term such as "babe" or "honey" *	20	68	12	-	[221]
Men in the office talking in mixed company about how attractive a woman is *	44	42	13	1	[222]
Displaying a calendar or screensaver of male or female models in swimsuits, in a personal workspace *	31	61	7	1	[223]
Repeatedly asking a co-worker for a date after a refusal *	7	89	3	1	[224]
Telling off-color or dirty jokes *	12	77	10	1	[225]
Complimenting a co-worker of the opposite sex on his or her appearance**....	86	5	8	1	[226]
Asking a co-worker for a date **.....	59	26	15	-	[227]
Hugging a co-worker of the opposite sex *	40	33	26	1	[228]
Asking a co-worker of the opposite sex a question about his or her personal life **....	26	50	23	1	[229]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Moving to another topic...

22. As you may know, Congress voted two years ago to raise the minimum wage to five dollars and fifteen cents an hour. Now President Clinton and Democrats in Congress have proposed raising it over the next two years to six dollars and fifteen cents an hour. Do you favor or oppose this increase? *

Favor.....	79	[230]
Oppose.....	17	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 23a. Recently the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit nine thousand points. Which do you feel is more likely to occur by the end of 1998--the Dow Jones Industrial Average will go up to 11,000 points or it will drop down to 7,000 points? **

Will go up to 11,000.....	35	[231]
Will drop down to 7,000.....	37	
Neither (VOL).....	6	
Both (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	20	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 23b. As you may know, the U.S. economy has been experiencing strong growth over the past four years. This has meant different things to different people. For each of the following, please tell me if the statement applies or does not apply to you.

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	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
You have been able to pay down your debt.....	62	36	2	[238]
You are putting more money away in savings or investments.....	52	47	1	[234]
You have borrowed money in the past year.....	38	62	-	[233]
Your family's net worth has gone up by twenty-five percent or more.....	35	60	5	[235]
You have been looking to change jobs.....	28	71	1	[237]
A member of your family has been able to quit their job or reduce their working hours.....	16	83	1	[232]
You have refinanced your home in the past year.....	11	88	1	[236]

- 23c. As you may know, there have been a number of mergers recently involving large firms in the banking and financial services industries. In your view, are these mergers generally good or bad for the country?

	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/95</u>	
Good for the country.....	26	27	[239]
Bad for the country.....	50	55	
Both/mixed (VOL).....	8	5	
Not sure.....	16	13	

- 24a. Do you believe that the Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland will or will not be able to form a lasting peace agreement that will work? *

Believe they will be able to form lasting peace agreement.....	40	[240]
Believe they will not be able to form lasting peace agreement.....	44	
Not sure.....	16	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24b. In your opinion, how much credit does President Clinton deserve for the peace agreement in Northern Ireland -- a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little? **

A great deal of credit.....	9	[241]
Quite a bit of credit.....	14	
Just some credit.....	42	
Very little credit.....	25	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 24c. Should the United States participate with the International Monetary Fund and other nations in a plan to lend money to countries that suffer financial collapse, such as South Korea and Indonesia?

	<u>4/98**</u>	<u>12/97¹</u>	
Yes, U.S. should participate.....	38	34	[242]
No, U.S. should not participate.....	50	51	
Depends (VOL).....	5	8	
Not sure.....	7	7	

¹ In December 1997, statement read "such as South Korea and Thailand."

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 25a. Which of the following countries do you think has the strongest overall economy? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The United States.....	67	[243]
Japan.....	15	
Germany.....	6	
China.....	4	
Russia.....	1	
None of these (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 25b. And among these same countries, which do you think is the best place to invest money? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The United States.....	65	[244]
Japan.....	12	
China.....	8	
Germany.....	6	
Russia.....	2	
None of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 25c. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think it has fair or unfair trade policies toward the rest of the world. Does (**READ ITEM**) have fair or unfair trade policies? **

	<u>Fair Trade Policies</u>	<u>Unfair Trade Policies</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The United States.....	71	15	14	[245]
Europe.....	54	18	28	
Japan.....	25	59	16	
China.....	18	58	24	
Mexico.....	35	35	30	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about Social Security...

- 26a. One proposal that has been made would allow or require people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks and bonds.

Some people think that individuals would have more money for retirement if they were allowed to invest and manage some of their Social Security payroll taxes themselves. Others think that it is too risky and could leave some people without adequate money for retirement if the stock market were to decline in value significantly. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Favor.....	52	[250]
Oppose.....	41	
Not sure.....	7	

- 26b. Who do you think should take the lead role in proposing a solution to the problems with the Social Security system -- President Clinton or the Republican leaders in Congress?

President Clinton.....	33	[251]
Republican leaders in Congress.....	39	
Both (VOL).....	21	
Not sure.....	7	

- 26c. As you may know, without any changes, the Social Security system will have a financial shortfall starting in the year 2029. Here are a number of reforms that have been proposed to guarantee the financial solvency of the system. For each one, please tell me whether you think it should be a part or should not be a part of the final Social Security reform package.

	Should Be <u>A Part</u>	Should Not Be <u>A Part</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Increasing the retirement age to sixty-seven earlier than planned.....	38	58	4	[252]
Increasing the Social Security payroll tax rate.....	33	61	6	[253]
Reducing Social Security benefits for all recipients.....	11	86	3	[254]
Using surpluses in the federal budget to extend the solvency of Social Security.....	72	22	6	[255]
Increasing taxes on Social Security benefits for those earning more than \$75,000.....	66	30	4	[256]
Allowing people to invest a portion of their Social Security payroll tax in stocks and bonds.....	63	31	6	[257]

- 26d. Thinking about how your Social Security funds are invested by the government, do you think they should be invested all in government bonds, which offer a low but guaranteed return, or do you think a portion of Social Security funds should be invested in private stocks and bonds, which offer a higher expected return but also involve more risk?

All in government bonds.....	44	[258]
A portion in private stocks and bonds.....	43	
Neither (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	9	

- 27a. Just during the past year, have you personally begun to get or gotten more involved in a volunteer or community service activity or have you not gotten involved at all?

Have begun to get involved.....	20	Skip to Q.28a	[259]
Gotten more involved.....	24		
Have not gotten involved at all.....	54	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	2	Skip to Q.28a	

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE NOT GOTTEN INVOLVED AT ALL IN Q.27a.)

- 27b. Which of the following is the main reason that you did not volunteer?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Don't have enough time.....	59	[260]	
Too young or too old.....	10		
Didn't have the information I needed to get involved.....	8		
Contributed money instead.....	7		
It's not a priority to me.....	7		
It's government's job.....	-		
Other (VOL).....	8		
Not sure.....	1		

- 28a. I'm going to read you a list of some possible causes of violence, and I would like you to tell me which one or two you feel are the biggest causes of violence today.*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Parents not teaching children good values.....	53	[261]	
Drug abuse.....	27	>	
Lenient treatment of violent criminals.....	24		
Television and movie violence.....	23		
The number of guns in circulation.....	14		
The shortage of jobs.....	6		
None of these (VOL).....	1		
All of these (VOL).....	13		
Not sure.....	-		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28b. Congress is considering toughening gun control legislation to limit handgun purchases to one per month or twelve per year. Do you favor or oppose this legislation? *

Favor.....	55	[262]	
Oppose.....	39		
Not sure.....	6		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 28c. Thinking about the community in which you live, how serious a problem is children and teenagers having access to guns -- an extremely serious problem, very serious, somewhat serious, or not that serious? *

Extremely serious problem.....	18	[263]	
Very serious problem.....	14		
Somewhat serious problem.....	24		
Not that serious a problem.....	42		
Not sure.....	2		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 29a. Congress is considering legislation that holds adults criminally responsible if they allow young children to have access to firearms that are used to injure or kill another person. Do you favor or oppose this legislation? **

Favor.....	75	[264]
Oppose.....	21	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 29b. As you may know, two young boys recently shot and killed several people at a school in Jonesboro, Arkansas. In your opinion, how likely is it that these kinds of shootings could happen in your community -- is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely? **

Very likely.....	37	[265]
Somewhat likely.....	34	
Somewhat unlikely.....	15	
Very unlikely.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 29c. And do you think that it is possible for the country to make major progress in getting guns out of the hands of children and teenagers, or is it not realistic to think that the country can do that? **

Possible to make major progress.....	45	[266]
Not realistic to think country can do that...	47	
Mixed/in middle (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B)

30. Should juveniles age thirteen and under who commit murder be tried as adults, or not?

Should be tried as adults.....	56	[267]
Should not be tried as adults.....	31	
Not sure.....	13	

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (**IF REFUSED, ASK:**) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	11	[268-269]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	12	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	-	

- F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	2	[270-271]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	31	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	16	

Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2
2-3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree..	9
Doctoral/law degree.....	3
Not sure/refused.....	-

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/manager.....	20	[272-279]
White collar worker.....	20	
Blue collar worker.....	20	
Farmer.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	21	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Never worked/not sure.....	5	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[280]
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate.....	29	
Somewhat conservative.....	22	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms....	11	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	84	[308]
Not registered.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

F6. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election?

(IF YES, ASK:) For whom did you vote -- Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

<u>Yes, Voted</u>		
Bill Clinton.....	42	[309]
Bob Dole.....	23	
Ross Perot.....	6	
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	5	
<u>No, Did Not Vote</u>	21	
<u>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</u>	3	

F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	23	[310]
Married.....	58	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	6	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

F8. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	38	[311]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	61	
Not sure.....	1	

F9. In what religion were you brought up?

<u>Protestant</u>	54	<u>CONTINUE</u>	[312]
Catholic.....	28		
Jewish.....	1		
Other.....	11	Skip to Q.F11	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	1		

(ASKED ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F9.)

F10. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[313]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical....	30	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestant (Q.F9).....	46	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	[314]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	83	
Not sure.....	1	

F12. For each of the following descriptions I read, please tell me if this applies to you personally.

(READ ITEM) -- does that apply to you or not?

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Have at least \$5,000 invested in mutual funds or stocks...	48	49	3	[315]
Have a long gun in the household.....	32	66	2	[316]
Have a handgun in the household.....	26	72	2	[317]

F13a. Do you currently smoke? (IF "NO, ASK:) Did you smoke cigarettes at any time in the past?

Currently smoke.....	25	CONTINUE	[318]
Do not currently smoke -- did smoke in the past.....	32		
Do not currently smoke -- never smoked in the past.....	42	Skip to Q.F14a	
Not sure/refused.....	1		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CURRENTLY SMOKE IN Q.F13a.)

F13b. If the price of cigarettes went up by a dollar ten per pack, would you buy fewer cigarettes?

Yes, would buy fewer cigarettes.....	61	[319]
No, would not buy fewer cigarettes....	33	
Not sure.....	6	

F14a. While we are all Americans, our ancestors come from different ethnic groups and countries. From what ethnic group or nationality do most of your ancestors come?

African.....	10	[320-328]
American Indian/Native American.....	8	>
Asian (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indian)....	1	
English/Scottish.....	22	
French-Canadian.....	5	
German.....	25	
Irish.....	19	
Italian.....	6	
Portuguese.....	1	
Scandinavian.....	6	
Slavic (Russian/Polish,etc.).....	5	
Hispanic.....	4	
European.....	1	
All other.....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	6	

F14b. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[329]
White.....	79	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F15. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[330]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	10	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	13	

Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	9
More than \$100,000.....	8
Not sure/refused.....	13